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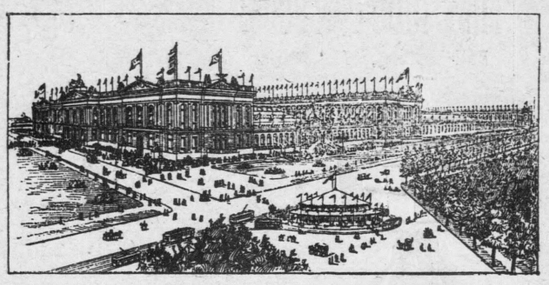
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CONSUMPTION

NATIONAL EXPORT EXPOSITION

To be held in Philadelphia, Sept. 14 to Nov. 30, 1899

An Educational School for American Manufacturers which should be Largely Attended. Advancement of the American Export Trade its sole object.

BEAUTY OF THE BUILDINGS EXPECTED TO EXCEED THOSE OF THE WORLD'S FAIR OF 1893



ON September 14th an Exposition unique in the commercial history of the United States, and of vital interest to every manufacturer, will be opened in the city of Philadelphia, continuing until November 30th, 1899. It will be pre-eminent in its distinctive character, as a complete display of American manufactures and products suitable for export, and unlike any Exposition heretofore held or projected.

Ample appropriations by the Congress of the United States, the State of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia, supplemented by the generous contributions of the citizens of Philadelphia, provide money sufficient to carry out the plans of its projectors on a liberal scale. The Exposition is held under the authority of Congress and is endorsed by the principal Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade and other commercial organizations, representing every State in the Union, which are giving active support and encouragement to the enterprise.

WILL AID HOME TRADE.

Though the Exposition will comprise goods especially suitable for export, the comprehensive display of American manufactured products cannot fail to be of the greatest advantage to our home trade, entirely aside from the beneficial effect it will have on the foreign trade of the country.

The thousands of strangers from all parts of the United States, who visit the Exposition, will have an opportunity to inspect the products of manufacturers of every State, and exhibitors will certainly derive much profit through their products being advertised in the form of an object lesson among the people of all parts of the land.

DEPARTMENT OF UNITED STATES MANUFACTURES.

It is the design of the Exposition management to secure the display of every line of American manufactured products which is in demand abroad, or for which a foreign market may be created.

In this main department, which will demonstrate the ability of American manufacturers to supply the world with every article needed, the greatest care is being taken to secure only the best products, there being no idea of any local competition. This department will be thoroughly and systematically classified, and therein will be exhibited in its proper place everything which by study of the requirements of foreign peoples, may be made known to and popular with them.

In order that there may be put before the world the triumphs of American manufacturers in the mechanic arts, the exhibit of machinery will be a comprehensive and interesting feature. The most improved machinery, implements, tools and labor-saving devices will be placed on view. As far as practicable these will be operating exhibits, thus facilitating a more rapid and thorough understanding and appreciation of their uses and advantages.

EXHIBITS OF EUROPEAN MANUFACTURES.

Not less important to the American manufacturer will be the department of samples of manufactured goods made abroad and now sold in all foreign markets, or prepared in those markets for local consumption. These samples will completely and systematically illustrate the requirements of different foreign markets. The organization of this department will show to American manufacturers just what competition they must meet abroad. By examination of these foreign-made goods, an accurate judgment can be reached as to how far adaptations and alterations must be made in similar articles manufactured here, and to what extent American goods may find a market without modification.

These samples will comprise the only exhibits of foreign goods at the Exposition. They will not be exhibited by foreign manufacturers or dealers, but are being purchased outright. This department will be an education for the foreign buyers as well as the American manufacturer and will show him, by comparison, the superiority of American manufactures.

PACKING AND LABELING.

The third department is intended primarily and solely for the American manufacturer. It will comprise exhibits showing him how his goods must be packed and labeled for shipment to meet the requirements and approval of foreign buyers. It will be impossible to over-estimate the value of these exhibits to our merchants. In some countries forms of packing used in the United States entail heavy losses on foreign merchants through increased import duties. This discourages trade relations with the United States.

In other countries goods must be carried great distances into the interior in carts or on mule-back and they must therefore be put up in water-proof packages of convenient size and weight. In still other cases, Custom House regulations, require packages to be specially marked in ways not usual in the United States. The American manufacturer, sometimes ignorant of these regulations, often sends out his goods at a serious loss. Bad feeling on the part of his foreign agents is frequently engendered and the foreign dealer sometimes thinks he is being intentionally ill treated.

In this department samples of packing, methods of labeling and the regulations incident to the reception of goods in every mart of the world will be shown. The American manufacturer will have an opportunity to study them at leisure and in company with the men whose trade and influence abroad he is seeking.

EVERY NATION WILL BE REPRESENTED.

At this year's Commercial Congress, specially appointed Government delegates, whose presence will be due to the co-operation of the State Department, will represent every country of the world. This recognition of the Congress will have a far-reaching influence in bringing about the attendance of merchants from abroad. Influential business men will come as accredited delegates of over three hundred of the leading Chambers of Commerce and other trade associations of Europe, South Africa, India, Australia, China, Japan, and other Asiatic countries, and Central and South America.

Many of these delegates will come prepared to discuss with our representative business men the commercial conditions affecting trade relations between the United States and the countries they represent. Every facility for the full and free discussion of all topics will be afforded.

INCREASE OF OUR EXPORTS.

During the last few years the export trade of the United States, especially in manufactured goods, has increased by leaps and bounds. The exports of the manufactured products of the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1898, amounted to $130,300,087. The figures for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1898, were $290,697,354.

The commercial nations of Europe feel this competition, and are making strenuous efforts to retain their hold on a trade which is already slipping through their fingers. They are making the most of the opportunities presented by the temporary indifference of American manufacturers to foreign trade, on account of the present active demand of the home market.

GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

The Exposition grounds are admirably situated, being easily accessible from all parts of the city both by electric car and steam railroad lines. The grounds are on the west bank of the Schuylkill river, within ten minutes ride of the City Hall, and comprise a valuable tract of land, fifty-six acres in extent, deeded to the Philadelphia Museums by the City of Philadelphia, and another tract of six acres secured for the uses of the Exposition and providing a main entrance from South Street, at the northern end of the grounds.

Electric cars from every section of the city run on the various streets adjacent to the site, and a station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at which all trains will stop during the Exposition, is located within 400 feet of the main entrance. On either side of the broad avenue leading from the South Street entrance, to the main buildings, numerous quaint and ornate structures will be devoted to illustrating the life, manners and customs of strange peoples, and to other amusement features of a less instructive but no less entertaining character.



HAL P. DENTON,
Chief of Department of Publicity and Promotion, National Export Exposition.

ENTRANCE AND AUDITORIUM

The entrance to the Main Building is through a broad lobby 60 x 90 feet in size, in the centre of the northern pavilion. Handsome columns and decorations, and groups of statuary embellish the lobby. To the right and left, wide aisles lead through the exhibition spaces of the north pavilion, turning at right angles through the arcades on each side of the auditorium, into the central exhibition hall and its wings.

Entrance into the auditorium, which has a seating capacity of more than 5000, is from the lobby. There is a large pipe organ at the end of the auditorium, placed above a spacious platform, and the floor is laid at such an angle that there is an unobstructed view of the platform from every seat.

Above the main entrance a large pediment contains a group of thirteen figures, representing Commerce. Other pediments typify the four continents. Numerous groupes of graceful figures, symbolical of Transportation, Navigation, Labor, Electricity, etc., rest on pedestals beside the pediments, and over the main entrance there is a large quadriga—a chariot drawn by four horses, carrying the beautiful figure of Progress, whose proudly-poised head looks with calm and confident eyes into the future.

In the auditorium, daily concerts will be given by the best concert bands in the country. The sessions of the International Commercial Congress will be held there, as well as the Conventions of the various trade and business organizations which have arranged to hold meetings during the Exposition. The second floor of the north pavilion will be occupied by the Administration offices of the Exposition. In the central and south pavilions, the upper floors will be given up to exhibits.

AVAILABLE EXHIBITION SPACE.

A total area of two hundred thousand square feet of space is available in the main building for exhibits. This, with the space provided in the special buildings, will give American manufactures ample opportunities for showing the world their wares. As in all Expositions, the restaurant facilities will form an important part of the arrangements. The principal restraunt is located in the gallery of the south pavilion, overlooking the entire main exhibiton floor. The cuisine and service will be equal to that of the finest hotels.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

The lighter side of the Exposition will not be neglected, and those visitors on mere pleasure bent will find fully as much to occupy them as the more serious patron from foreign lands, absorbed in its industrial side. The management will provide such attractions as will tend to interest the general public and insure a large and constant attendance.

Good music will be one of the leading features, and in the handsome auditorium the most famous musical organizations of the United States will be heard in daily concerts, throughout the Exposition.

In addition to special attractions of a popular character, which will be provided from time to time to encourage the attendance and popularize the Exposition with the masses, there will be features combining the educational and instructive phase with that of the greatest novelty and interest. One of the leading attractions of this character will be a Chinese Village, a counterpart of a street in Pekin or Shanghai, populated with 450 men, women and children, brought from China for the purpose. The business, industrial and home life of the Chinese, and their native trades and industries, will be completely illustrated. In view of the wide market which China presents and the growing popularity of American goods in that country, the Chinese Village will prove an attraction of unusual interest.

Similar features in perfect harmony with the purposes of the Exposition, and at the same time entertaining, will illustrate the trades, pursuits, industries and commerce of the peoples of some of our newly acquired possessions and their customs, dress, recreations and amusements.

The amusement section is along the main avenue or approach to the Main Exposition Buildings, eight hundred feet in length, and will be built upon both sides. The amusement section at no Exposition has been so well located, for visitors will have to traverse its entire length either to enter or leave the grounds.

MAIN EXPOSITION BUILDING.

The main building of the National Export Exposition is 1000 feet long and 400 feet wide. It includes three pavilions, two stories in height and a spacious auditorium with a seating capacity of 5000. In this auditorium the sessions of the International Commercial Congress will be held and concerts will be given every afternoon and evening by the leading musical organizations of the country. The building covers an area of nine acres and there is an area of floor space aggregating twelve and one-half acres.

The main entrance is in the north pavilion, opening into a lobby 60 by 90 feet, beyond which and between the north and central pavilion is the auditorium, 200 feet long and 140 feet wide. On either side of this auditorium are arcades for exhibits, 78 feet wide by 300 feet long.

The pavilions are constructed of brick and structural steel and are each 90 by 300 feet. Each are two stories high, the second floor of the northern pavilion to be devoted to the offices of the Exposition; the second floors of the other pavilions will be given up to exhibits.

Each of the entrances to the main building are flanked by pedestals, on which are groups of statuary, representing various industries and the pediments over the various entrances of all of the buildings contain heroic figures, symbolizing various aspects of manufacture and commerce. The walls of the main building are covered with a coating of white "staff" and the cornices are made of the same material. Around the roof runs an iron balustrade of rich design and from the numerous staffs on the roof float the flags of all the nations who will be represented in the International Commercial Congress.

DR. W. P. WILSON.



Director-General of the Great National Export Exposition.

Dr. W. P. Wilson, Director of the Philadelphia Museums and Director General of the National Export Exposition, received his early training through his own efforts and in the common and higher schools of Michigan. His taste for botany and natural history was considerably fostered by a course of study in the Agricultural College of Michigan. At a later date he received a degree from Harvard University, where he was instructor in botany for several years.

He was born in Oxford, Oakland County, in the northern part of Michigan, which was then practically a wilderness of forest. The nearest neighbors were tribes of Indians. His early life was spent in farming. At a later date he entered a large plant in the West for manufacturing agricultural implements and machinery.

In 1893 he conceived the idea of founding a Commercial Museum with the raw product exhibited by different nations at the World's Fair, at Chicago. He secured the authority of the city of Philadelphia, and succeeded in having donated to the proposed museum the large collections exhibited by nearly every country, especially the Spanish-American countries. Dr. Wilson is a careful worker, and it is through his care and forethought largely that the successful plan of organization of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum has been carried out.

TRASPORTATION FACILITIES.

Philadelphia is well equipped with transportation facilities. Three great trunk lines centre within her borders, two with terminal stations unsurpassed. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with its hundreds of branch lines and its connections with every part of the country, has its terminal near the City Hall in the centre of the city, easily accessible from the Exposition grounds.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railway is the great avenue from the northeastern section of the State and from New York State. Its miles of main line and connections offer an avenue of ingress and egress valuable both to the exhibitor and to the visitor.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, running through the Middle South and West, opens up a route of entry interesting from its passage through territory dotted with the great battlefields of the Civil War. Its connections with Southern and Southeastern Railroads make it valuable as a transportation agent.

Arrangements are being made by the railroads which have terminals in Philadelphia, and by connecting lines, for reduced passenger rates and excursions from all parts of the country to Philadelphia during the Exposition.

In the matter of local transportation, Philadelphia is fortunate. Electric railway lines run on nearly every street; suburban electric lines connect it with the five counties surrounding it, and local lines of the steam railroads offer every facility.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.



PRESIDENT McKinley has too much confidence in American and English common sense to share the fears expressed in some quarters, that the failure to agree on a boundary line between Alaska and Canada, which seems likely to result from Canada's attempt to play the grab game, will result in any break of the pleasant relations between the United States and Great Britain. He realizes that the failure to agree will be the cause of considerable irritation, and possibly of some disturbances in the disputed territory, but does not believe that it will dangerously involve the two governments.

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The President is devoting much of his time to the selection of officers for the new volunteer regiment, and hopes to complete the list this week. Gov. Roosevelt spent a day and night in Washington, upon the President's invitation, for the purpose of giving his advice in regard to the appointment of some of these officers. The present expectation is that the new regiments will all be in service by August 15, as the recruiting, which was started today will be rapidly pushed in all sections.

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Secretary Alger says every one of the alleged interviews with him while he was in New York, several days ago, were fakes. He was not interviewed at all while there.

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The latest gossip concerning the candidacy of John R. McLean, of Washington and Cincinnati, for the Ohio Democratic gubernatorial nomination, which is now being openly pushed by Mr. McLean himself, says that McLean has no idea of being elected governor of Ohio, but wishes to use the State Democratic Machine and the prominence that may be acquired as a candidate to help him in his fight to prevent Bryan getting the Presidential nomination again. It was first said that Mr. McLean was after second place on the Bryan ticket, but it now seems that his principal desire is that there shall be no Bryan ticket. Incidentally he will let it be known to all the Democratic strikers that he is willing to put several of his millions in circulation to boost a McLean ticket. It is said that he has never forgiven Mr. Bryan for objecting to his being given second place on the ticket in '96, and that he is determined to get even if possible.

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Ex-Congressman Geo. R. Davis, of Ills., has not been in politics actively for some time, but he keeps a close watch on things in his State and is regarded as an authority. Of the political outlook he said: "We elect a governor in 1900, and being a Presidential year, the Republican party will have a great advantage, seeing that the State ticket will almost surely carry with the success of the National ticket. The two will go together. There is scarcely a doubt of the continuance of Illinois in the Republican column."

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Ex-Senator Brown and Hon. Jesse Smith, of Utah, are in Washington trying to secure official permission for the people of northeastern Utah to pasture their sheep on the Uinta reservation, embracing 875,000 acres, which was set apart as a forestry reservation under the last Cleveland administration. Mr. Brown said on the subject: "People wonder at crime in the western country, and yet these immense reservations, covering thousands of acres, are left as regular hiding-places for cut-throats and outlaws of every character. These reservations, and especially those in the far West, have practically no police protection, and it can be readily seen that if the government would permit their use, for pasturing our sheep, this would give the reservation protection that it would not otherwise get." Speaking of politics Mr. Brown said that Bryanism was rapidly dying in the West and predicted that President McKinley would receive the electoral votes of Utah and Colorado.

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There is neither surprise nor alarm in official circles on account of the few cases of yellow fever among our troops in Cuba. Surgeon-General Sternberg, of the army, said: "We have anticipated yellow fever among the troops and prepared for it, and never expected to get through the occupation off the island without some cases of the disease. Maj. Gen. Brooke understands the situation. He has as his chief surgeon a competent officer, and anything called for by him will be immediately sent. That there may be plenty of surgeons available, additional immune surgeons have been ordered to report to Dr. O'Reilly."

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Col. Henderson received a warm welcome from his numerous Washington friends, during his stay of several days in the city. Neither his successful Speakership campaign, nor the shoving up, by newspaper writers, of his military title to "General", which seems to have been at once accepted by the public in general—Hon. Thos. J. Henderson, who represented the seventh Illinois district in the House from the 44th to the 53rd Congress, was breveted Brigadier General in the Civil War, but Hon. D. B. Henderson never got higher in rank than Col. of the 46th Iowa Infantry—has made the slightest change in him. He greeted all his friends, from President McKinley down to the humblest private citizen, in the same whole-souled way that has made him one of the most popular men who ever sat in Congress, and which probably also made him sure of becoming Speaker of the House.

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NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSIONS

Low-Rate Vacation Trips via Pennsylvania Railroad

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has selected the following dates for its popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington: July 27, August 10 and 24, September 7 and 21, and October 5 and 19. An experienced tourist agent and chaperon will accompany each excursion.

Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at $10.00 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and all points on the Delaware Division; $11.25 from Atlantic City; $9 60 from Lancaster; $8.50 from Altoona and Harrisburg; $6.90 from Sunbury and Wilkesbarre; $5.75 from Williamsport; and at proportionate rates from other points. A stopover will be allowed at Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua, and Watkins within the limit returning.

A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will be run with each excursion. An extra charge will be made for parlor car seats.

Tickets for a side trip to the Thousand Islands (Alexandria Bay) will be sold from Rochester in connection with excursions of July 27, August 10, 24, September 7 and 21, good to return to Rochester or to Canandaigua via Syracuse within five days, at rate of $5.50.

Tickets for a side trip to Toronto will be sold at Niagara Falls for $1.00 on July 29, August 12 and 26, and September 23. In connection with excursion of September 7, tickets will be sold to Toronto and return at reduced rates, account Toronto Fair.

For time of connecting trains and further information apply to nearest ticket agent, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Tommy—When I was in London with my paw we saw the Prince of Wales.

Jimmie—Who's he?

Tommy—Don't you know that? He's the feller Tod Sloane rides for.

"What advise would you give a young man who intends to take up literature as a profession?" inquired the long haired youth.

"I should advise him to have his stomach removed," replied the old timer without a moment's hesitation.

"Never Burn a Candle at Both Ends"

If you do your light will soon be gone and you will be in the dark. Don't think you can go on drawing vitality from the blood for nerves, stomach, brain and muscles, without doing something to replace it. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives nerve, mental and digestive strength by enriching and vitalizing the blood. Thus it helps people who are overworking and tired.

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How to Ride Gracefully

Bicycle riding for girls is sometimes decried on account of the ungraceful position which some assume, while doubtless not a few are prevented from enjoying this pleasant and healthful pastime from the fear that they may become another "dreadful example."

A girl whose grace in riding has been the subject of frequent comment says that the secret lies solely in the adjustment of the saddle and the handle bars, many having the saddle too low, giving greater action to the knees than is desirable. The propelling force should be secured largely by treading on the pedals, and an upright position should be assumed as nearly like that of walking as possible. The handle bars should be low, but not too low, as this is sure to throw the weight of the body too much in front.

Remarkable Rescue

Mrs. Micheal Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at Vaughan's Pharmacy. Only 50 cents and $1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

Campmeeting Calendar

The following are the dates of some of the largest camps on this Peninsula:

Sand Hill—July 21.
Wye—July 28, Aug.8.
Local Preachers—July 28.
Camden—July 26.
Hebron—July 29.
Woodlawn—Aug.1.
Brandywine Summit—Aug.3.
Concord—Aug.4.
Chiltons—Aug.4.
Mt. Vernon—Aug.4.
Zoar—Aug.11.
Smith's Island—Aug. 12.
Laurel—Aug.17.
Ocean Grove—Aug.19.

Employer—What did Blinks say when you presented the bill?

Collector—Er—would you mind asking the typewriter lady to leave the room while I tell you?

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LOW RATES TO REHOBOTH AND OCEAN CITY

One-Day Excursion via Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad

The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company announces two excursions to Rehoboth and Ocean City during the present season—July 13th and July 20th.

A special train will be run on the schedule given below, and excursion tickets, good only on the special train in each direction, will be sold at rates quoted:

	Train leaves.		Exc. Rate.
Wilmington, Del.	6.25	A. M.	$1 25
New Castle "	6.38	"	1 25
Kirkwood "	6.55	"	1 25
Middletown "	7.11	"	1 25
Townsend "	7.19	"	1 25
Smyrna "	7.14	"	1 25
Clayton "	7.40	"	1 25
Cheswold "	7.51	"	1 25
Dover "	8.02	"	1 25
Wyoming "	8.10	"	1 15
Woodside "	8.22	"	1 10
Viola "	8.28	"	1 05
Felton "	8.34	"	1 00
Harrington "	8.53	"	1 00

	Exc. Rate to Rehoboth.	Exc. Rate to Ocean City.
Milford, Del	9.08 A.M.	75 cts. $1 00
Ellendale, "	9.22 "	75 " 1 00
Georgetown "	9.40 "	50 " 75
Lewes, "	10.05 "	20 " 50 "

			Rate to Ocean City.
Frankford, Del.	10.00	A. M.	65 cents.
Selbyville, "	10.09	"	50 "

Returning, special train will leave Ocean City 4.50 P. M., Rehoboth 5.30 P. M.

Children under twelve years of age, one-half the above rates.

Spanish Game Cocks Licked by an American Bantam

When Admiral Sampson came back from Puerto Rico he brought his boys three Spanish game cocks that were said to be great fighters and were kept from the rest of the chickens. The other morning, though, a loud racket was heard in the chiken yard, and on going out they found the Spanish fighters had broken loose and started to clean up things. They expected to find all the other roosters dead, but instead a little American bantam was standing on one of the Spanish game cocks crowing with all his might. The Spanish fighter was dead, another one was found not far away so badly hurt that it died the next day, and the third was found in the top of a high tree, from which it could not be coaxed down. This was the last Spanish defeat.

Bramble—I understand you got a verdict in your favor in that damage suit.

Thorne—Yes, I got the verdict all right, but my lawyer got the money.

Photographic.

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Lord Fearnaught—An Englishman's house is his castle.

Lord Henpeck—Not always, deah boy. Sometimes it's his wife's castle, ye know.

Story of a Slave

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worse form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for females diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medecine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

Barber—How do you prefer to be shaved?

Customer—On the outside, please.

Barber—Eh?

Customer—Don't you understand? I don't want you to go beneath the skin.

When we blow our own horns we can usually be sure that we are doing something that would otherwise be left undone.

"It seems a trifle strange," remarked the funny man, "that you preachers, who always object to Sunday labor, are obliged to do your hardest work on Sunday."

"You are mistaken," replied the preacher. "We always collect our salaries on week days."

Cramps, Colic, Colds, Croup, Coughs, Toothache,
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A Sure, Safe, Quick Cure for these troubles is
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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young Peopel's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 15, 1899.

Local News.

—Ice Cream Soda 5c. a glass at Jones.

—Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist Office South-east corner of Main and Scott streets.

Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinklere's Studio.

—Mr. W. C. Gardiner, foreman of the Diamond State Harness Works, has gone to housekeeping on Lake street.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Mutual Building & Loan Association will be held on Tuesday evening next.

—A large number of Brandywine Hundred ducks are dying from eating snails which they find in abundance along the streams there.

—The ladies of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Odessa, Del., will hold a festival in the Academy Lawn next Wednesday evening, 19th & 20th inst.

—The latest thing in butter making is the Wheeler Gravity Cream Separator. Price from $4 to $11.00. For sale by

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

—For Rent—Morton house on Green St. Possession given in two weeks. Good sideboard for sale. Apply to

Dr. W. E. Barnard.

—A heavy rain fell on Saturday last and few country people were in town to do their regular shopping. It also caused suspension of a day in the threshing of wheat,

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—Do you like ice cream? Do you make your own ice cream? If not, the Transcript is advertising a book of instructions given away under certain conditions. See ad. in another column.

—Wanted.—Industrous and honest men of good appearance as agents for the Industrial Accident Insurance Company of the United States. Apply to G. Schirmer, Sec'y, Dover, Del.

—Mr. C. F. Crockett has built a new pavilion at Chesapeake City, music every afternoon and Tuesday and Friday evenings Ericsson steamers run daily excursions. Best of order. Public invited.

—Constable Husbebeck arrested four tramps on Monday last on the charge of stealing a ride on a freight train. 'Squire Reynolds fined each $5 and costs, in default of which they were sent to New Castle jail.

—Are you thinking of planting a lawn? If so, this month is the proper time to prepare the ground for seeding in August. One of the best grasses is Kentucky blue grass, as it will make a good growth before the winter.

—On August 1st the National Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine will open a depository at New Castle. If the venture proves successful it will be made permanent. The town is now without a banking house of any sort.

—The Lawn Fete of the Junior Auxiliary of St. Anne's Parish will be held on the grounds adjoining the church next Tuesday evening, June 18, from seven to ten o'clock. Ice cream, cake and lemonade will be for sale. All are invited.

—The coming census will have added interest from the fact that live stock is also to be enumerated. Horses, cattle, sheep and poultry are to be included. The farmers themselves originated this plan, and the government coincides with the wisdom of it.

—James Porter, alias "Pottsville Red," was brought here on the 3.26 P. M. train on Thursday, charged with having broken open and robbed the safe of Postmaster Jolls at the local postoffice. He was given a preliminary hearing before 'Squire Reynolds and in default of $2,000 bail was committed to jail at New Castle.

—George B. Rodney, of New Castle, son of John H. Rodney, Esq., has been commissioned first lieutenant by President McKinley. He will be assigned to one of the new volunteer regiments now forming for service in the Philippines. The appointment is the result undoubtedly of Judge George Gray's recent visit to the White House.

—Mrs. Rebecca Kirk, aged 80 years, of Brandywine hundred shot and seriously wounded her grandson, Louis Brinton, aged 21. Sunday. The young man called on his grandmother and started to abuse her when she drew a revolver and shot him in the arm. Mrs. Kirk is of old Revolutionary stock and blood will tell.

—Postmasters are directed to open all letters upon which postage has not been paid, to ascertain the name of the writer. To avoid this no one should fail to have their names and address printed on one corner of all envelopes used for mailing letters. The "Transcript" office affords everyone an opportunity to have this done at a very trifling expense.

—Don't forget the entertaining and instructive Bethesda Epworth League. Meetings every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.

—If you are looking for a solid dividend paying investment in one of the most profitable industries in the country, step in or send in, and subscribe to the stock of J. Stein and Co., Incorporated, at the Philadelphia Bourse, Philadelphia, Pa., or Dover Del. The stock is already largely subscribed for and may close at any time.

—Indigestion brings on distress after eating with heaviness and deadness of the stomach, sick headache, weary and tired feeling that is not relieved by rest, unhealthy eruptions on the skin, constipation, loss of appetite, pains in the sides and back, etc. These are but few of the symptoms of indigestion and dyspepsia. To multitudes who thus suffer Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup has proved a help and a blessing. Price 60c. and 30c. a bottle. It will cost you nothing to try it. Sample free. Address A. J. White, No. 426, 168 Duane St., New York.

—Some good wheat yields have been reported here. Messrs S. F. Shallcross and son garnered 4000 bushels from 150 acres, average 26⅔. Mr. J. C. Corbit's farms averaged 26 and 27 bushels to the acre. Mr. Stephen Boyer got 2600 from 92 acres, 28¼ average.

—Rev. S. J. Corbin will have the following help in his village camp at Trinity A. M. E. Church now in progress: To-morrow Rev. Zoar W. Nickel, of Seaford, and Dr. T. H. Henderson, of Philadelphia, Tuesday July 18th, Rev. M. H. Horsey, Thursday, July 20th, Rev. O. D. Robinson, M. D., presiding elder.

—At a congregational meeting at the Pencader Presbyterian Church, at Glasgow, Del., Sunday, Rev. Dr. Vallandigham presiding, a vote on a minister was taken and Rev. Thomas C. Potter, of Philadelphia was elected to become pastor. Mr. Potter is a member of the Philadelphia Presbytery, but not at present time stationed at any charge.

—The report of the weather bureau for June shows that the mean temperature, 75 degress, was one degree hotter than the mean temperature for this month for 29 years. There was a good deal of cool weather during the latter part of the month, and only eight days with a temperature of 90 degrees or over, but, nevertheless, the record shows it hotter than the average.

—An exchange says: The Diamond State Telephone Company, which is owned by parties in Dover, is greatly improving its service. The old line between Dover and Georgetown will be replaced by the latest metallic system which enables persons to use the same wire in opposite directions at the same time without any inconvenience. The line was opened last week to Rehoboth and will be extended to Wilmington before fall.

—Lewes, Georgetown and Seaford papers have taken up the question of protection from fire and it may be expected that those towns will take some prompt action in the direction of self-preservation. What happened at Laurel may happen to any town on the peninsula at any time. Yesterday morning Princess Anne had to appeal to Salisbury and Pocomoke City for their engines, a threatening fire having started in that town.

—The following officers of Damon Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias were installed on Wednesday evening last by district Deputy Commander Samuel Parsons, of Dover: Chancellor Commander, George W. Price; Vice Chancellor, John S. Ash; Master of Work, Joseph A. Suydam; Prelate, William B. Kates; Keeper of Records and Seal, Joseph C. Jolls; Master of Finance, Garrett Ellis; Master of Exchecquer, Lemuel Lee; Master at Arms, George M. Dickerson; Inside Guard, Joseph Geary; Outside Guard; W. S. Letherbury; Trustee, W. S. Letherbury.

—Four revenue stamps to the value of $750 were placed on a deed filed in the office of Recorder of Deeds Delaware Clark on Monday. One was for $500 and bore the picture of Alexander Hamilton; two for $100 each bearing the picture of Chief Justice Marshall, and one for $50 with the picture of Columbia. The deed which necessitated so much revenue conveyed the property of the Delaware Iron Company of New Castle to the National Tube Company of New Jersey. The property was valued at $750,000, of which $250,000 is in cash and the remainder in stock of the National Tube Company.

—The drought that had prevailed for two months was broken last week by good rains. The rains that fell on Thursday were very partial—in some neighborhoods heavy, while in others very light, or none at all,—but that which came Saturday evening, was general and broke the drought. It was a glorious rain. Its benefits are untold. Sunday the brisk wind dried off the wheat in the shock and farmers lost no time in threshing and stacking. The plows in the fallow fields have been busy this week. That was a fine rain. The weather too has been pleasant; the sun has been warm through the day while the evenings are delightfully cool.

—Deputy State Councillor J. S. Anthony, of Stars and Stripes Council, No. 26, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Smyrna, came to Middletown on Monday evening last and installed the following officers of Middletown Council: Junior Past Councillor, Harry Lightcap; Councillor, William J. Wright; Vice Councillor, Thomas S. Fouracre; Recording Secretary, Harry H. Hall; Assistant Recording Secretary, Minos Banning; Financial Secretary, James H. Burrows; Treasurer, E. S. Jones; Warden, Frank Suydam; Conductor, Edgar Johnson; Inside Sentinel, Ernest Johnson; Outside Sentinel, Joseph A. Suydam; Trustee, Harry Kilpatrick; Chaplain, William B. Kates. On the same evening several candidates were initiated and a number of propositions for membership were received.

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Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

Work-House Plans

The bonds for the New Castle county work-house will be issued shortly, as proposals have already been asked, and the trustees will soon be ready to begin work.

It is expected that a site will be selected in a few days. The trustees have practically decided upon the general plans for the work-house and its government, but there still are a number of details to be arranged. Particular care will be taken to secure both the proper kind of buildings and the proper kind of managment. It is felt that the real success of the institution depends more on the management than upon anything else, and capable officials will be secured. The trustees are determined that this shall be a model institution in every respect.

COL. COOPER DEAD

Ezekiel T. Cooper, whose name has been prominent in Delaware papers since the Dover bank losses, died in the penitentiary at Trenton shortly before midnight Tuesday night with hiccoughs and stomach troubles. His system was run down and it is supposed the failure of his application for pardon with sale of all his property on the day he died added to his disbarrment and imprisonment made him a subject of easy prey. The announcement of his death was a startling surprise, touching all who knew him. Regret of his untimely death is general. His misfortunes and mistakes the memory of a kind heart and generous nature may well shield. He was laid to rest yesterday beside his father and mother on the farm where he was born near Willow Grove. His funeral held from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Charles A. Jolls, Wyoming, was largely attended.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

NECROLOGY

CAPT. SAMUEL PENNINGTON

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."—Proverbs.

If asked for the leading characteristic in the life of Capt. Samuel Pennington his most intimate friends would say it was his devotion to his church—in attendance upon its service and in support with his substance. He obeyed the divine injunction to "honour the Lord" and in his barns there has always been plenty. But his services are over. His life work is ended. After several days of severe illness he died at his residence in Middletown shortly after noon on Tuesday, July 11th.

Capt. Pennington was born on April 23, 1817. He was the son of Samuel Pennington, his mother being a Miss Hance of McDonough. His only brother, John, died in his boyhood. Captain had a half sister, Margaret, who married John T. Cochran. Her mother was a Miss Meldrom. Mrs. Cochran left two children—Mrs. Charles Beaston and Mrs. James M. Vandegrift both deceased. The captain was twice married. The first wife was Miss Mary Bell who died in 1874. The children by this marriage are Mrs. Ella Cochran, Mrs. J. S. Crouch, Mrs. Frank C. West, J. Frank Pennington, W. C. Pennington, all of Middletown and vicinity, and Mrs. Cora Reynolds, of Valentine, Texas. In 1876 he married his bereaved widow, Miss Elizabeth Burnham.

With the affairs of Forest Presbyterian Church he has been closely identified for half a century. Upon the tablet placed in the hall way in 1850 when the church was rebuilt having been founded in 1750 his name appears as secretary beneath that of the president, Maj. John Jones. But one member of that committee survives, Mr. R. Thomas Cochran. He was elected secretary of the Board of Trustees of the church March 7, 1853, to succeed Dr. J. P. Merritt. On January 19, 1891, he was made president. When the church was thoroughly repaired in 1882 and in the present repairs he allowed no contribution to exceed his own.

In educational matters in Middletown for more than 50 years Capt. Pennington has been prominent. He was elected trustee of the Academy Jan. 12, 1847, to fill the place of Gen. Richard Mansfield, and Feb. 4, 1859, was elected secretary to succeed Dr. Jno. P. Merritt. On April 13, 1878, he was appointed a member of the Board of Education. He held these responsible trusts to the day of his death. For years the Academy was sustained as an excellent school, having trained and educated teachers. The captain was one of the chief advocates of liberal education. Within the past 15 months four of the nine members of the Academy trustees have died; first, Mr. Henry A. Nowland, followed by "Father" Henry Davis, then Ex-Gov. John P. Cochran and now the subject of this notice.

In politics Capt. Pennington was a pronounced Whig and Republican, though he was never a candidate for office. He believed thoroughly in the policy of protection to American labor and industries, and was thoroughly patriotic. He was commissioned captain of Co. I, 5th Delaware Regiment, and when the brave Gen. Lee made his raid into Pennsylvania the captain and his company were stationed at Gunpowder to guard the railroad bridges there and subsequently at Fort Delaware to guard prisoners.

In town and business matters the deceased has taken prominent parts. He moved to Middletown in 1847 and served in the Town Board on two or more occasions. He was for years a faithful director in the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa. He has had large property interests in and near Middletown, taking special delight in agriculture. He left two fine farms near town on which his sons reside, a fine tract of land adjoining the town on the west, his residence on the corner of the Square for which he at one time refused $16,000, besides bank stock, etc. His estate is estimated at $60,000.

Funeral services were held from his late residence on Thursday afternoon and were very largely attended. Rev. Francis H. Moore, D. D., pastor of Forest Presbyterian Church officiated. The remains were bourn to their last earthly resting place in Forest Cemetery by the bearers: Messrs. J. C. Corbit, J. G. Gibson, H. C. Ellison, S. M. Reynolds, G. D. Kelley and Dr. T. H. Gilpin.

TOM CLARK AT TRENTON

Someone said when Thomas S. Clark, of Dover, was sent to Trenton penitentiary for five years because of his connection with the Dover Bank steal that unless he were watched closely he would have a mortgage on that institution and sell it before his term expired. He has not accomplished that yet but appears to have done a "land office business" in procuring prohibited provisions which he sold to inmates who had the money to buy. Regular prison fare was too plain for Clark's cultivated tastes, and through the working of a scheme which he planned and cleverly carried out, cherry roly-poly, canned chicken, broiled shad, toothsome puddings and other luxuries found their way into the cells of the high-livers domiciled in the upper tier, in wing No. 4.

The discovery has caused a sensation among the State prison officials, and the investigation to be made will probably result in the discharge of the two or more deputy keepers, who have been employed in the prison a good many years, and who enjoyed the implicit confidence of the authorities.

Clark, the promoter of the feasts that have been frequently held in the cells, was trusted with the position of gate keeper, and this enabled him to communicate with the teamsters, whom he appears to have made his agents. He managed to send 23 "crooked" letters to friends outside the prison, who smuggled into him large quantities of canned goods and pastry. Other occupants of the tier in which Clark was confined soon learned that he had bounties to sell, and they traded novelties they had made for canned goods, cream puffs and whatever Clark had that they wanted.

The trinkets Clark sent outside the prison to his friends, who sold them and returned cash to him. The convicts in the deal took pieces of gas-pipe and bending them into circular form, fastened them with wire to the gas jet, and on these improvised stoves managed to warm their food when the guard was not looking.

In the three months that Clark carried on the grocery and bakery trade with other convicts, he is believed to have pocketed several hundred dollars. His sales were steadily increasing, and, had his transactions not come to light, he might have turned the entire wing into a department store. It is known that he sold as much as ten pounds of sugar to the occupants in a near-by cell at one time. Soap boxes loaded with stores were smuggled into Clark's cell and stowed away under his bed in the room.

Mrs. Augusta Sirman, wife of Hon. William L. Sirman, former Speaker of the Delaware House of representatives, died suddenly at her home in Delmar early Monday morning of heart failure, aged 53 years. Her funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

WILLIAM AHERN STRUCK ON THE HEAD BY A STONE AND THEN ROBBED.

William Ahern, operator of the block station at Ginn's crossing, two miles south of Middletown, not south of Townsend as most of the papers stated, was murderously assaulted on Monday morning last by two negroes. He was found lying on the floor of the house by William J. Reeder, fireman of special freight, No. 93, which left Middletown at 4.11 A. M. Assistance was called and he was taken to Townsend where medical aid was rendered. He was subsequently brought to his home in Middletown and Drs. McKee and Ritchie were in attendance.

The fact of the assault was telegraphed up and down the road. The men were in the store of Ex-Representative J. Frank Eliason at Mt. Pleasant at the time the message was received spending some of the money gotten and Mr. Jones, the clerk, tried to detain them by strategy but the colored mail driver from McDonough gave them the wink and they cut sticks towards Maryland followed by Mr. Jones and others. Mr. James M. Downs was in his field along the railroad, having started his fallow plowing that morning. He saw the chase but did not understand it. Mr. Jones came up all out of breath and explained, and then Mr. Downs and Mr. Jones renewed the chase on horse back the latter soon falling out however. The men were barefooted and thorn hedges stood in their way; Mr. Downs encountered wire fences. Notwithstanding the serious chase there were many ridiculous features and situations. Finally Mr. Downs got within a few feet of them but with hedge between and calling to them to halt they did so and at his command went with him to the Buck where the villagers had turned out in force and with a collection of fire arms that would do credit to a museum, it is said, 'Squire Salmons leading with Revolutionary flintlock. The two men were brought to Middletown and were given a hearing before 'Squire Reynolds, and were remanded to New Castle jail on suspicion.

At the trial on Monday Daniel Keith, night operator at the Middletown station, recognized one of the prisoners as the man who had asked the distance and fare to Wilmington and the distance to the next station and the fare from that place, between 4.20 and 4.30 that morning. They gave their names as James H. Reason, aged 28 years, and Gibbury King, aged 22 years. In making a statement King said they were from Uniontown, Md., and had left there at 7.30 P. M. on Sunday, got in Millington about 12 o'clock and sat down to rest. When rested they started on in their walk to Wilmington. When at Middletown they stopped at the station and asked the distance and fare and walked on to the next station. While at Mt. Pleasant they washed, bought something to eat and some clothing. The money they had had been paid to them in part for work and the remainder was borrowed from King's uncle. Several minor details were conflicting.

Both men were brought to Middletown for a final hearing on the noon train Thursday in charge of State Detective Witsil and officer W. T. Jones. The first witness called was William Ahern. He said he was at Ginn's block on Sunday night at work. It was about 3.30 A. M. when he was struck on the head and he was not conscious again until at Townsend. He did not know who struck him. He was not conscious of being picked up, but knew something was wrong while on the way to Townsend. When he regained consciousness he did not look for watch or money, and never thought of them. He did not see his assailants.

State Detective Witsil was called and said King had made a confession to him, while in New Castle jail, which was as follows: "We were coming up the railroad, were tired from our walk, and sat down on the rails. While sitting there Jim (Reason) picked up a large stone and when we started on again he carried the stone with him. When we got to the block house Jim went to the platform looked in, then went back and threw the stone through the screen and glass. After this he run and called me to come on and I said he started off mighty quick. We came on to Middletown and went to Mt. Pleasant, where we were arrested."

James Oakes, engineer of the train which found Ahern, said the train arrived at the block at 4.20 and blowed for signals. Being no answer the fireman went to the house, but saw no one. The train was brought in front of the house and the trainmen entered finding the operator lying on the floor in a pool of blood. The conductor, Merrill Driscoll, then had him put in a car and the train went on to Townsend where medical aid was summoned. At Middletown between the creamery and the south switch he had met two colored men and upon his information the men were followed and arrested. The fireman's story was the same as that of the engineer's with the addition that Ahern's watch was lying on the floor beside him and in a position suggestive of being placed there. The pockets showed no evidence of being robbed.

The men were each held in $2,000 bail and in default were committed to jail to await the next session of court.

At this writing Mr. Ahern is recovering from the shock but is very weak. He is confident, however, that at no time has his life been in danger, and expects in a few days to be at work again.

CHAUTAUQUA

Last Low-Rate Excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad

On July 28th the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run the last special excursion of the season from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Reading, Altoona, Bellefonte, Lock Haven, Shamokin, Wilkesbarre, Sunbury, and Williamsport, and principal intermediate stations, and stations on the Delaware Division, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, and on the Cumberland Valley Railroad, to Chautauqua, N. Y. Special train will start from Harrisburg and run on the following schedule:

	Special Train Leaves	Excursion Rate.
Harrisburg..........	11.35 A. M.	$9.40
Sunbury.............	12.59 P. M.	7.80
Montandon...........	1.15 "	7.65
Williamsport........	2.30 "	6.65
Chautauqua Ar. about	10.30 "	....

Connecting Trains.		Excursion Rate.
Lv. Philadelphia	8.40 A. M.	$10.00
" Washington..........	7.55 "	10.00
" Baltimore (Union Sta)	8.55 "	10.00
" Altoona (v. Lk. Haven)	7.15 "	7.95
" Huntingdon (v. Hbg.)	8.30 "	9.40
" Shamokin v. Sunbury)	12.05 P. M.	8.35
" Wilkesbarre (v. Sunb'y)	7.30 A. M.	9.70
" LockHaven (v. Wmspt)	11.25 "	6.65
" Winchester, Va. (C. V. R. R.)	7.30 "	10.00

Round-trip tickets, good to return on regular trains not later than August 26th, will be sold at rates named above, and at proportionate rates from other stations.

Passengers from Atlantic City, Bridgeton, Vineland, Clayton, N. J., and stations on the Delaware Division will use trains to Philadelphia on day preceding date of excursion.

For specific rates and time of connecting trains apply to nearest ticket agent.

Read the Transcript for news.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox drove to Townsend Wednesday evening to pay a visit to Rev. John B. Roberts, who has been quite sick for some time. The members of his old Monday night class are talking of making him an all-day visit some time next week.

Miss Hettie M. Denison and Miss Elizabeth R. Denison, of Little Rock, Arkansas, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Vandegrift at Elm Grange. They were in town on Tuesday.

Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., sails to-day on the Steamer Ems for Mediterranean ports. Next Saturday Miss Margaret Beasten and Miss Ada Cochran sail for Liverpool, possibly leaving the steamer at Queenstown.

Col. Stevenson and Adjutant Hughes, who became well acquainted during the days of Camp Tunnell, were in town this week.

Messrs. Covington and Boles, who have been guests of Mr. J. C. Alston, drove to Chesapeake City on Wednesday taking the boat for Philadelphia, but finding it crowded returned from St. Georges. Accompanied by Dr. W. E. Barnard they drove to Wilmington the next morning thence to Philadelphia.

Mrs. M. B. Burris and Mrs. Wright have returned from a visit with Mrs. J. M. Authors, at Kenton. They were accompanied home by Miss Margaret Authors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mendenhall, of Wilmington, have moved for the summer months into Mr. Chas. P. Cochran's new house just completed on South Broad St.

Mrs. George G. Rowe and daughters leave to-day for a two-weeks' visit with the family of Mr. Rowe's father, Rev. R. S. Rowe, of Union Bridge, Md., among the Blue Ridge mountains.

Mrs. I. S. Vallandigham is entaining her cousin, Mrs. Scott and her two children of Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Harry Ford, of Dover, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Messick.

Mr. John Whipple and Miss Bessie Whipple, of Philadelphia, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Copp, on Cass street.

Mrs. James Reynolds is entertaining her friend, Mrs. Victor Sherrill, of Philadelphia.

Miss Fannie Staats, who has been ill at Mrs. Lippincott's for a long time, has gone to the home of her sister in Appoquinimink hundred.

Mrs. Edgar Clark is entertaining at Sunny Lawn Miss Ada Mifflin of the Quaker City.

Mrs. Anna Metzinger, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Miss Lemon, of Williamsport, Md., was the guest of Miss Dora Price the first of the week.

Miss Mae Holten is entertaining Miss Dale and Miss McMaster of Pocomoke City.

Miss Lida McNamee, of near North East, Md., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Annie Griffith.

Miss Mabel Derrickson has returned to the City of Brotherly Love.

Miss Mary Maxwell is visiting Mrs. Thomas Benson in Wilmington.

Mr. Harry D. Johnson, of Philadelphia, is spending his vacation with his father, Mr. William Johnson, on West Green street.

Mrs. J. C. Alston is a visitor in the Monumental City.

Mrs. David Downs is visiting her sister, Mrs. Isaac Davis.

Mr. Daniel L. Dunning attended the obsequies of Capt. Pennington on Thursday.

Mr. Amos Chappelle spent Snnday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Parsons.

Miss Willie Scott has returned from a fortnight's sojourn at Atlantic City.

Miss Edith Petherbridge is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. A. G. Cox.

Miss Andrews of Denton, Md., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James H. Smith near town.

Mr. Thomas Scott, of Wilmington, is spending the week with Mr. W. B. Kates.

Mrs. S. C. Lewis and daughters are visiting her relatives in North Granite, N. J.

Mrs. Fred Droll, who has been ill, is convalescent.

Mrs. William Brockson, Mr. J. L. Parsons and Cecil McCleary, who have all been ill, are improving daily.

The total loss by the Laurel fire is found to be $180,500, while the insurance on the same was only $37,800.

Mrs. Edith White Dasey, wife of Captain Ward Dasey, of Frankford, died on Thursday night last in childbirth. An infant son survived her but a few hours.

The "Sussex Republican" tells of a man in that town who took some cheese home, laid it on a dresser, and then afterwards went in the dark and ate some of it. A member of the family had, however, removed the cheese and placed a bar of soap in its place and the man did not discover till the next morning that he had eaten soap instead of cheese. This is tough on Georgetown, when her leading citizens, according to this article don't know soap from cheese.

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JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Dividend Notice!

Citizens' National Bank, Middletown, Del., July 3, 1899

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT., payable to the stockholders on and after July 15, 1899.

8-3t JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

Notice--Dividend!

People's National Bank, Middletown, Del., July 1, 1899

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of TWO AND ONE HALF PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, July 8, 1899.

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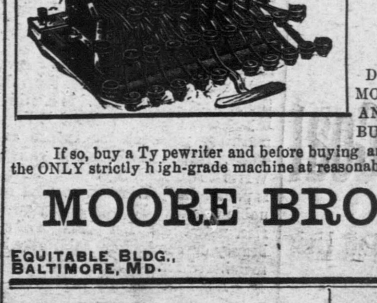
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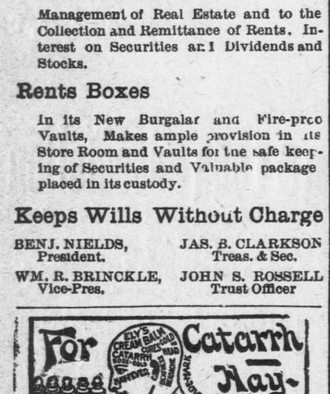
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Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning July 16, "A Friend In Need"—Text, Luke x, 30-37.

"Go and do thou likewise."

On a journey in the country of an unfriendly people, in a locality notoriously dangerous on account of highwaymen, that danger emphasized by the sight of a man badly wounded and robbed of all valuables, most men would hurry along as fast as possible to a place of safety. Let the wounded man be one who would undoubtedly in hours of consciousness refuse to help or be helped by the traveler because of race antipathy and, it is safe to say, few would risk their own safety to help the helpless one.

Here lies the power of the Christ spirit. Help is to be given not so much to friends who will appreciate the assistance, comfort is to be tendered less to those who will accept it gratefully, but help is to be given the needy one regardless of his evil disposition toward the giver. His need and our capacity, our opportunity, are to be the conditions for our giving aid.

The measure of our gift is not to be our convenience. We are to walk, if necessary, while we let our natural and avowed enemy ride, and this not on his own beast, but on ours. Our wine and oil and clothing are to dress his wounds and our purse to pay his sick expenses. Because he loves us or our religion? Not at all. Because he is good and worthy? He may not even thank you for your kindness. Why, then, should we do this? Because we are to be good and love Him who has given us beast and wine and oil and raiment and money and power to journey, because we are privileged to feel compassion, the blessedness of sorrow for another's misfortune. We are allowed to know and share the divine heart life, to be as He is and do as He does.

We are to have vacations this summer, to go to unaccustomed places, see new scenes and faces. How much of enjoyment lies in store for us! At the seashore, mountains, at the old farm, across the continent, in the city, perhaps in foreign lands, we shall see and hear so much to widen the horizon of our narrow life and so much to brighten the dullness of our daily existence. So much for self of pleasure and culture and profit! How we look forward to vacation time!

All this is right or may be right if only we do not forget that there are by the wayside in the most unexpected places blessings of exceeding profit, pleasure and culture passed unheedingly by the wise and gifted and honored. Custom and worldly prudence will say: "Only a wounded Jew. Pass on." Take heed to yourself. Here is the best place of all the journey to pour out wine and oil and money. Buy silks and jewels and pictures in the busy shops if you can afford to buy them. But heart culture, soul profit and eternal joy by the wayside where men faint and bleed and die. Buy this if it takes all your time and possessions.

Keep your eyes open on both sides of the highway lest you lose the sight of your opportunity and arrive at the inn alone, companionless as Levite and priest and as unneighborly.

How Do You Read Your Bible?

Occasionally, intermittently, haphazard, selecting the pleasing parts, the sweet promises, or do you read it systematically, regularly, devotionally, thoughtfully, memorizing passages, meditating on topics and seeking in it all to bring every power of being into obedience to its truth?

Some who have been Christians many years have never read the Bible through. It is a good scheme to read it through at least once in a lifetime. It is worth reading. It is a wonderful book and will repay study. Even the parts considered "dry" have springs of refreshing and patches of verdure. Think of a traveler to a foreign land going through it on foot for the first and only time with a good guidebook in his hand, but neglecting to read it. Oh, he can very likely get through if he never opens it, but he will miss much of the value of the journey. What good is a guidebook if you don't read it? Read it through, marking passages for future careful study. Have a notebook always at hand. Write down striking texts. Note what is particularly interesting, new or valuable to you. If perplexing questions rise, note them. Let passages of special beauty or comfort or sublimity be remembered for constant use devotionally. Read intelligently.

A Lesson In Finance.

Income, $1; expenses, 99 cents; result, affluence; income, $1; expenses, $1.01; result, poverty.

Study it well. Better deny yourself than to need and have others deny you. Study economy. Learn how many of the things you want you do not really need. Self denial is a Christian virtue greatly needing to be cultivated in these times. Keep within your income, and you will have more joy and peace with God and your fellow men.

Words.

Keep a watch on your words, my sisters,
For words are wonderful things.
They are sweet, like the bees' fresh honey;
Like the bees, they have terrible stings.
They can bless like the warm, glad sunshine
And brighten a lonely life.
They can cut in the strife of anger
Like an open two edged knife.

Let them pass through your lips unchallenged
If their errand is true and kind.
If they come to support the weary,
To comfort and help the blind.
If a bitter, revengeful spirit
Prompt the words, let them be unsaid.
They may flash through a brain like lightning
Or fall on a heart like lead.

Keep them back if they're cold or cruel,
Under bar and lock and seal.
The wounds they make, my sisters,
Are slow and hard to heal.
May Christ guard your lips, and ever,
From the time of your early youth,
May the words that you daily utter
Be the words of beautiful truth.
—Christian.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning July 16—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—A friend in need.—Luke x, 30-37.

Friendship is a great boon to mankind. The value of true friendship is inestimable. It is a blessed thing to have a friend in whom we can absolutely trust, who knows us altogether, our failings and our weaknesses, as well as our points of strength, and who, in spite of all, is constant and unfailing, cheering us in adversity, comforting us in trouble, strengthening us in weakness, and not failing even to place before us our faults that we may be guarded against them. Such a friendship cannot be too highly prized, and such a friend should be sought by every man and woman. As early in life as possible the soul of every man and woman should be knit to the soul of another in an abiding friendship, as the souls of Jonathan and David. If it were so and human friendships were never neglected or betrayed, how many clouds would be lifted from the dark and dreary days of life!

A friend in need is illustrated in the topical reference by the good Samaritan. Though the relation between the Samaritan and the man who fell among thieves was not strictly what we call friendship, yet it does set forth the characteristics of a true friendship.

1. It was friendship in adversity. The good Samaritan was a friend in need, and only a friend in need is a friend indeed. To call a relation friendship that exists only when the sun shines and disappears with the coming of the clouds is a misnomer. Such a relation is not friendship. It is but a base imitation. "True friends wait to be summoned in the time of prosperity, but in trouble they come and offer their help."

2. It was a sympathizing friendship. The Samaritan was a sympathizing friend. He was touched to the heart by the needs of the man in trouble. The priest and Levite felt no such sympathy. They were not friends.

3. It was a helpful friendship. The Samaritan was practical in his sympathy. He relieved the man's wants and provided for his future welfare. A friend in need must be a practical friend.

4. It was a continued friendship. The future well being of the man in trouble was provided for, and undoubtedly the demands for such preparation were met, or would have been had the case been real. True friendship must be continued, constant, unchangeable.

Jesus Christ alone fulfills the requirements of an ideal, perfect Friend. He is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He is a Friend in need, a sympathizing, helpful, constant, unchangeable Friend. No one should be or need be without the friendship of Christ. Life without Christ's friendship is like the sky without the sun.

Bible Readings.—I Sam. xviii, 1-4; Prov. xvii, 17; xviii, 24; xxii, 24, 25; xxvii, 6-10; xxv, 19; Zech. xiii, 1-6; Mark v, 19; John xv, 13-15; II Tim. i, 16-18; Jas. ii, 21-23; iv, 4; III John xiv.

The Value of Sensationalism.

The charge of sensationalism is not always the worst that may be urged. Sensationalism has its better side. The sensationalist may be a charlatan, and then he may be a prophet of God. Elijah was a sensationalist. There is no more dramatic incident in all history than the scene on Mount Carmel. John the Baptist was a sensationalist, and so was Paul. They were the voices of thunder from a cloudless sky. Moses was a sensationalist. His interviews with Pharaoh were a series of sensational demonstration. Such, too, was Joseph. Sanctified sensationalism is never a studied effect, but always the unusual. Earnestness breaks in upon the humdrum world and creates a sensation. Honorable sensation is an effect, but never a cause.—Presbyterian Journal.

Secret Faults.

Our "secret faults" may be hid from our own eyes as well as from the eyes of all others but God. He can, however, cleanse us from such faults in answer to prayer, whether we ever know exactly what those faults may be or not. We can be saved, cleansed, sanctified wholly—not only "up to what we know," but also up to what we do not know and may never know, unless God at some time may show us from how great "secret faults" and consequent perils He had delivered us. —Christian Standard.

It Never Fails.

All men are sinners. All some time become conscious of their sinfulness and crave supernatural help. All, in one or another way, look up to their more or less consciously realized Creator and Father. All appreciate in some measure the duty of attaining in conduct the highest ideal of which they are aware. And because of this inborn and ever present responsiveness the gospel never fails, when wisely and lovingly offered and received, to justify its appropriateness.—Congregationalist.

A Sinner's Shroud.

Man is much like a silkworm. He is a spinner and weaver by nature. A robe of righteousness is wrought out for him, but he will not have it; he will spin for himself, and, like the silkworm, he spins and spins, and he only spins himself a shroud. All the righteousness that a sinner can make will only be a shroud in which to wrap up his own soul.—Spurgeon.

Today and Tomorrow.

One who does right today need not be troubled about doing right tomorrow. Every act done is a seed that will bear fruit, each after its kind. The man who is generous today will find it easier to be generous tomorrow. An act repeated often enough becomes a habit, and the fruit of habit is character.—Sunday School Times.

TO FIRST VOTERS.

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14, 15. "Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?" Thus said Nebuchadnezzar to Daniel's friends as he gave them another chance for their lives, threatening them with death in the fiery furnace if they failed to worship the golden image which he had set up. He had said to Daniel in connection with the declaration and interpretation of the forgotten dream, "Of a truth it is that your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings" (chapter ii, 47), but in his pride he had evidently forgotten this, and now there is no one so great in his estimation as himself. The spirit of the plain of Dura was manifested on the plain of Shinar (Gen. xi, 4), and long before it was seen in Cain. It shall be fully seen in the last days in the anti-Christ and his companions (Dan. xi, 36-38; II Thess. ii, 4; Rev. xiii).

16-18. "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king!" So they did not wish a second trial, for their purpose was firm that they would not bow down to his gods nor to his golden image which he had set up, and they had no care as to consequences. What splendid confidence in God! What grand indifference to man or his power! They knew and practiced Ps. lxii, 5; xxvii, 3. To no one but the living God would they bow, and in Him alone would they trust.

19-22. The fury of the king, who knew no one greater than himself, went forth against them, and the most mighty men in his army bound them and cast them into the fiery furnace, which was heated seven times more than ordinarily. The king has now done his worst, and those who dared to stand against him have, as he thinks, perished. The mighty men who cast them into the furnace died by a spark (see margin) from the furnace, for it is a terrible thing to touch a child of God. It is like touching the apple of His eye (Zech. ii, 8). Then shall all perish from before Him who dare to stand against Him. The beast and false prophet shall be cast alive into the lake of fire, and a thousand years later the devil also shall be cast into the same place, to be tormented forever (Rev. xix, 20; xx, 10).

23. "And these three men fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace." If the flame or a spark from the furnace slew the mighty men who cast them in, one would naturally expect these three to have perished instantly, and the king might have thought, or the beholders have said, "It is all over with them," but there are powers and agencies of which the mere natural man knows nothing. Elisha's servant saw only the Syrian army, but Elisha saw the chariots of God. The angels are always ministering, and they excel in strength, and nothing is too hard for Him whom they serve (Ps. ciii, 20; Jer. xxxii, 17).

24, 25. "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." This the king saw, and thus he spake to his counselors, whom he had hastily called together. It would seem that he had been watching the furnace from afar and could see into it, and he saw what he never thought to have seen, living men walking in that seven times heated furnace. This was something greater than he knew anything about, and the fourth person in the furnace had something strangely supernatural about him. Notice how the fire wrought upon the three men; it only burned their bonds and set them free to walk with God. That is just what fiery trials do for believers.

26. "Ye servants of the Most High God, come forth and come hither." Thus said the king to the men against whom he had a little before been so furious. How changed his attitude! And the power of God had done it. What a literal fulfillment there had been of Isa. xliii, 2, "When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." He can divide the sea or walk upon it, still the stormy wind or make it His chariot, quench the power of the burning flame or ascend up in it (Judg. xiii, 20). What became of the fourth? Whence He came, thither He returned. The three never found the fourth so real as in that fiery furnace, and many a believer can testify that the Lord never seemed so real as in deepest trial.

27. All the rulers saw these men upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their heads singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. When these rulers returned to their homes in the provinces and told of the great image and its dedication, the music and the worship, they would doubtless speak of these lightly in comparison with the story of these three and their wonderful experience, and the unseen God whom they worshiped and His power over the fiery furnace, and thus the God of Israel would be magnified. But God does not always deliver this way. Yet in the resurrection all shall be as free from harm as were the bodies of these three.

28. "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who hath sent His angel and delivered His servants that trusted in Him." Thus by refusing to worship any God except their own God they had seen His power and now see Him honored by the king of Babylon, who could not otherwise so have known Him. Conformity to the world never honors God, but separation from it for Christ's sake always does. The reason that the church has so little power for God is because she is so full of bowing to the world for the sake of the world's favor, when she should be seeking the favor of God alone.

29. "There is no other god that can deliver after this sort." Thus confessed the king, and he made a decree that if any people, nation or language should say anything amiss against the God of these three men such should be slain. How we might honor God, and how greatly He would be honored in us if we would positively refuse to bow to the world for the sake of its favor! Yet people say, How could the work go on if we had not the good will of this one or that one, men and women of means and of influence, whose favor seems necessary?

30. "Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon." Little did they think that the stand they took against the king would finally secure his favor. When we seek to stand only with and for God, He will without any seeking on our part give us the favor of all whom we need and whom He can use. See how wondrously God works for and through such as are wholly His. "It is God who worketh."

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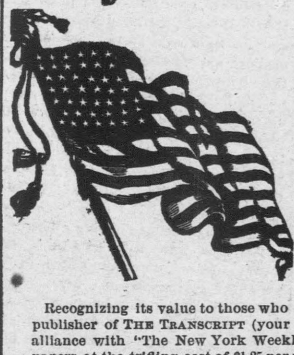
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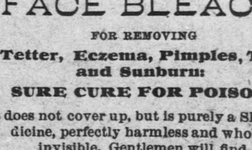
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	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL. P. M.	MAIL P.M	EXP P. M
Philadelphia	‡7.25	‖10.20	‡1.52	‡3.46	‡5:59	‖11.10
Baltimore..	4.10	9.15	12.05	1.46	4:20	7.53
Wilmington.	8 13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6:55	11.56
Farnhurst. .	f 8.22		f 2 44		7,04	
New Castle.	8.27	f11.21	2.49	4.39	7:09	
State Road .	f8.33		f 2.54		7:14	
Bear....	f8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7:19	
Porter...	8.45		f 3.04	4.52	7:25	
Kirkwood .	8.50		f 3.09		7:30	
Mt. Pleasant.	8.59		f 3.17		i 7:28	
Armstrong..	f 9.03		f 3.21		i 7:42	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18	7:48	12.39
Townsend .	9.17		3.34	5 28	7:56	
Blackbird. .	f 9.22		f 3.39		f 8:01	
Gr'n Spring..	f 9.27		f 3.45		f8:07	
Clayton...	9.33	12.07	3.51	5.42	8:13	12.57
Smyrna..LV	9.23	11.57	3.41	5.21	8:03	
Brenford . .	f9.38		f 3.59		f8:18	
Cheswold. .	f9.43		f 4.04		f 8:24	
Dupont....			f 4.07			
Dover.....	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8:34	1.16
Wyoming...	10.05	f12.29	4.20	6.05	8:40	a 1.24
Woodside,..	f10 11			f 6.11	f 8.47	
Viola....	f10.15			f 6.15	f8.51	
Felton ..	10.20	f12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington..	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington.	f10 42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f9.15	
Greenwood .	f10.50	f 1 08		f 6 49	f 9.23	
Bridgeville..	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.14
Cannons.. .	f11 03			f 7.02	f 9.36	
Seaford ..	11 13	1.27		7 11	9 45	2.26
Laurel ...	11 23	f 1.37		7.21	9,55	a 2.38
Delmar ..	11.33	1.46		7.30	10 05	2.50

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar...	‖1.08		‡7.00	‡8.00	‡2.15	‡3.30
Laurel ...	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	2.25	3.41
Seaford ...	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35	3.56
Cannons...			f 7.31	f 8.31		f 4.04
Bridgeville..	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	4.11
Greenwood..			f7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington.			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 4.27
Harrington..	2.22		8.05	9.06	3.08	4:40
Felton ...	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	4:49
Viola.....			f8.18	f 9.20		f 4:53
Woodside...			f8.22	f 9.24		f 4:57
Wyoming...	p 2:46	‡6.57	8.29	9.31	f 3.30	5:05
Dover....	2.52	7.03	8.35	9.38	3.36	5:11
Dupont....		f7.08				
Cheswold..		f7.13		f 9.48		f 5:20
Brenford ..		f7.18		f 9.53		f 5:25
Smyrna..LV		7.15	8.42	9 50	3.41	5:21
Clayton...	3.09	7.25	8.53	10.00	3.54	5:31
Gr'n Spring..		f7.29				f 5:37
Blackbird...		f7.35		f10.09		f 5:43
Townsend .		7.40	9 06	10 14	4 07	5:50
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9 15	10.24	4.16	5:58
Armstrong..		f7.54				f 6:02
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Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10 46	12.06	5.43	7:42
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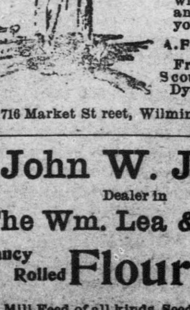
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